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FOLLOWING IS GVN TRANSLATION OF SPEECH GIVEN BY PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU AT 20TH ASIAN PEOPLES' ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE GENERAL CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 21, 1974 AT SAIGON'S MAJESTIC HOTEL:

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. CHAIRMAN,
DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE THE HONOUR TO WELCOME YOU HERE, IN SAIGON, ON THIS 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASIAN PEOPLE'S ANTI COMMUNIST LEAGUE.

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM, I EXTEND OUR CORDIAL GREETINGS TO THE DELEGATES FROM THE FRIENDLY NATIONS HERE TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE, SOUTH VIET NAM IS IN THE SECOND YEAR OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIET NAM THAT WAS SIGNED IN PARIS ON JANUARY 27, 1973.

THROUGH THE DURATION OF THIS CONFERENCE, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE AND TO WITNESS ON THE SPOT THE RELENTLESS EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM TO STRICTLY ABIDE BY AND SERIOUSLY IMPLEMENT ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT, WITH A VIEW TO RESTORING PEACE TO OUR BELOVED FATHERLAND SO AS TO CONTRIBUTE EFFICIENTLY TO THE CONSOLIDATION AND PRESERVATION OF "THE FREEDOM OF THE PEOPLE OF ASIA THROUGH SOLIDARITY AND PROSPERITY", THE VERY THEME WHICH YOU HAVE CHOSEN AS THE TOPIC OF YOUR CONFERENCE THIS YEAR.

TWENTY TWO MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE DAY THE PARIS AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED, YET THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIET NAM HAVE NOT ENJOYED PEACE, THE REASON BEING THAT THE NVN COMMUNISTS

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HAVE NOT RENOUNCED THEIR SCHEME OF TAKING OVER SOUTH VIET NAM BY FORCE AND ULTIMATELY TO PUT BOTH SOUTH AND NORTH VIET NAM UNDER THE YOKE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIP. IMBUED WITH THIS MACHIAVELLIAN SCHEME, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE CONTINUOUSLY VIOLATED ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THEY HAVE REPEATEDLY VIOLATED THE CEASEFIRE AND ARE NOW INCREASINGLY STEPPING UP THEIR VIOLATIONS. THE TERRORIEZE AND MURDER INNOCENT CIVILIANS. THE REPEATEDLY DISPLAYED A

STUBOORN AND NEGATIVE ATTITUDE IN THE MEETINGS OF THE CENTRAL TWO-PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION AS WELL AS AT LA CELLE SAINT CLOUD, AND FINALLY THEY UNILATERALLY BROKE ONF INDEFINITELY THE TALKS. RECENTLY, ON OCTOBER 8, 1974, THEY MADE ONE FURTHER STEP IN THEIR PLAN TO TEAR UP THE PARIS AGREEMENT BY ARROGANTLY DECLARING THAT THEY WOULD AGREE TO RESUME THE TALKS ONCE THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIET NAM WERE OVERTHROWN TO BE REPLACED BY A REGIME OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING. CLEARLY THOSE STATEMENTS ARE THOSE OF PEOPLE WHO SPECIALIZE IN IGNORING AND VIOLATING ACCORDS AND AGREEMENTS AS IF THESE WERE MERELY WORTHLESS PAPER CLIPPINGS.

IN MEANTIME, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM HAS CONTINUOUSLY SHOWED ITS GOODWILL FOR PEACE, NOT BECAUSE OF INDOLENCE IN THE FACE OF THE COMMUNISTS' ILL INTENTIONS BUT BECAUSE IT WANTS TO SERIOUSLY RESPOND TO THE PEOPLE'S ASPIRATION FOR PEACE.

BECAUSE IT WANTS PEACE, THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM HAS HONORED THE CEASEFIRE AND HAS ENDEAVORED TO RESTRAIN ITSELF IN THE FACE OF THE COMMUNISTS' EXTREMELY SERIOUS MILITARY CHALLENGES.

BECAUSE IT WANTS PEACE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM ON FIVE OCCASIONS HAS PROPOSED TO THE COMMUNISTS WAYS TO IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMENT, WITH A COMPLETE SCHEDULE TO PROCEED FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END, THAT IS, TO PROCEED FROM THE REAL CEASEFIRE TO THE HOLDING OF FREE GENERAL ELECTIONS IN SOUTH VIET NAM. NATURALLY, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE STUBBORNLY REJECTED THESE PROPOSALS AND REFUSED TO DISCUSS THEM.

BECAUSE IT WANTS PEACE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM HAS RETURNED TO THE COMMUNISTS ALL THE CIVILIAN AS
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WELL AS MILITARY PRISONERS EVEN THOUGH THE COMMUNISTS SIDE STILL DETAINS OVER 100,000 MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND STILL REFUSES TO RELEASE THEM.

BECAUSE IT WANTS PEACE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM HAS ACTIVELY HELPED AND COOPERATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL AND SUPERVISION COMMISSION STIPULATED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT, WHILE THE COMMUNISTS DO THEIR BEST TO PARALYZE THIS ORGINAZATION.

WITH THE DETERMINATION TO HONOUR ITS SIGNATURE ON AGREEMENTS AND ACCORDS, WITH THE BELIEF THAT THE JANUARY 27, 1973 PARIS AGREEMENT IS THE CORRECT FOUNDATION FOR THE RESTORATION OF PEACE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE NAM ALWAYS ADVOCATES RESPECT AND SERIOUS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS

AGREEMENT. IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE COMMUNISTS ENGAGE
IN VOLUNTARY PROVOCATIONS SO AS TO LEAD TO THE DESTRUCTION
OF THE AGREEMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
CONTINUES TO PERSEVERE AND

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AND DISPLAYS ITS GOODWILL TO CALL UPON THE COMMUNISTS TO GO BACK

TO REASON AND TOGETHER WITH THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM TO RESUME THE TALKS ON THE MODALITIES TO SOLVE THE VIET NAM PROBLEM IN A SPIRIT OF RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD AS STIPULATED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT. RECENTLY, ON NOVEMBER 7, 1974, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

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REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM, THROUGH DECLARATION, SOLEMNLY CALLED UPON THE COMMUNIST SIDE TO STOP ALL MOVES TO DESTROY THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND ASKED THEM TO RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE AT LA CELLE SAINT CLOUD AND IN SAIGON WITHOUT SETTING ANY PRELIMINARY CONDITIONS.

MANY COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD HAVE ENDORSED OUR CORRECT STAND. I HOPE THAT EVERY COUNTRY, EVERY PEACE AND FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WILL EXPRESS ITS APPROVAL ON THIS JUST DEMAND OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

THE FACTS THAT I HAVE JUST RECALLED EVIDENCE THE TRUE FACT THAT IN VIET NAM, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM LONGS FOR PEACE AND MAKES EVERY EFFORT TOWARDS PEACE, WHEREAS THE COMMUNIST SIDE JUST IGNORES THE YEARNING FOR PEACE OF THE PEOPLE IN SOUTH VIET NAM AND BLINDLY PURSUE THEIR SCHEME OF DOMINATION IN THIS COUNTRY.

THIS TRUTH CANNOT BE TARNISHED BY THE COMMUNIST DECEITFUL PROPAGANDA.

THIS TRUTH ALSO SHOWS CLEARLY THAT WHILE THE COMMUNISTS SPEAK OF PEACE, DETENTE, RECONCILIATION, CONCORD, THE FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE CANNOT BUT BE CAREFUL AND RESERVED IN THE LIGHT OF THIS PROOF.

INDEED, THE COMMUNISTS SPEAK MUCH ABOUT PEACE, BUT THEY STILL CONTINUE TO BRING IN AMMUNITION, ARMORED VEHICLES, ARTILLERY AND SOLDIERS INTO SOUTH VIETNAM AND LAUNCH GENERALIZED OFFENSIVES IN SOUTH VIET NAM.

THE COMMUNISTS SPEAK OF LEASENING THE TENSION BUT THEY CONTINUE TO STRONGLY URGE FOR MILITARY, POLITICAL DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES IN ORDER "TO LEAD TO TOTAL VICTORY".

THE COMMUNIST SIDE SPEAKS OF RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD BUT IT HAS NOT STOPPED SLANDERING, LIBELLING PEOPLE WHO DO NOT SHARE THEIR POLITICAL VIEWS; THEY NEVER STOP CALLING FOR THE OVERTHROW OF THOSE PEOPLE; THEY NEVER CEASE SEEKING WAYS TO DIVIDE AND DISRUPT THE RANKS OF THE NON-COMMUNIST PEOPLE.

THEREFORE, ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO QUESTION THE "PEACE, RECONCILIATION" AS LOGANS PROPAGATED BY THE COMMUNISTS AND TO CONSIDER THEM AS WERE SMOKE SCREENS TO COVER UP THEIR INFILTRATION, AND

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LULLABIES TO PUT THE NON-COMMUNIST PEOPLE TO SLEEP. WE SHOULD STAND VIGILANT AND REALIZE CORRECTLY THAT THE COMMUNIST HAVE NEVER ABANDONED VIOLENCE IN THEIR SCHEME OF AGGRESSION. THEY SPEAK MUCH ABOUT PEACE IN ORDER TO ERODE OUR SELF-DEFENSE CAPACITY. THEY CLAIM WIDELY ABOUT CONCORD AND RECONCILIATION TO INCITE DIVERGENCIES AND SEEK TEMPORARY ALLIES WITHIN THE RANKS OF NON-COMMUNIST PEOPLE. THEY PRAISE DETENTE TO DISRUPT THE MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE FREE WORLD.

ON THE CONTRARY, WHEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM ADVOCATES PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM SINCERELY SEEKS TO ACHIEVE THESE NOBLE GOALS.

BECAUSE IT ADVOCATES PEACE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM IS WILLING TO SIT AND DISCUSS WITH THE VCOMMUNISTS AS PRESCRIBED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT WITH A VIEW TO ENDING THE KILLINGS AND RESTORING PEACE IN SOUTH VIET NAM.

BECAUSE IT ADVOCATES DETENTE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM HOLDS NO HATRED TOWARDS ANY NATION IN THE WORLD AND IS WILLING TO ESTABLISH NORMAL RELATIONS WITH ALL THE COUNTRIES REGARDLESS OF THEIR POLITICAL OR SOCIAL REGIME, PROVIDED THAT THEY RESPECT THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM.

BECAUSE IT ADVOCATES RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM IS WILLING TO DISCUSS AND IMPLEMENT WITHOUT DELAY THE POLITICAL SOLUTION ANTICIPATED IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT WHICH INCLUDES THE SETTING UP OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD IN ORDER TO PROGRESS TOWARDS GENUINELY FREE AND DEMOCRATIC GENERAL ELECTIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM'S SINCERE EAGERNESS AND FIXED TARGET IS THE RESTORATION OF PEACE TO SOUTH VIET NAM IN ORDER TO CREATE A FAVORABLE SURROUNDING FOR THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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EVEN AS GUNS STILL CONTINUE TO SHOOT DUE TO THE COMMUNIST
STUBBORNNESS, THEREPUBLIC OF VIET NAM HAS NOT CEASED ITS
EFFORTS TO DEVELOP ITS ECONOMY.

THE LAND IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM IS VERY FERTILE AND
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GOOD FOR MANY AGRICULTURAL PLANTS. BEFORE THE SECOND WORLD WAR,
THE SOUTH VIET NAM'S GRANARY WAS CONSIDERED AS ONE OF THE MOST
PROSPEROUS IN SOUTH EAST ASIA ... THE COAST OF THE REPUBLIC
OF VIET NAM STORES INNUMERABLE SEA FOOD AND ITS EXPLOITATION
HAS IN FACT ONLY BEGUN. THE INNERLAND OF THE REPUBLIC OF
VIET NAM CONTAINS NATURAL RESOURCES WHICH ARE YET TO BE SURVEYED
AND EXPLOITED. OFF-SHORE, WITHIN THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF THE
REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM, OIL DRILLING IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS

HAS REVEALED A GOOD QUANTITY OF GOOD QUALITY OIL. EVEN ON THE GROUND, PROSPECTS FOR OIL ARE VERY ENCOURAGING.

NATURALLY THE MOST IMPORTANT AND MOST PROMISING RESOURCE IS THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED COURAGE, PATIENCE, INITIATIVES IN THE FACE OF BIG CHALLENGES OF THE PRESENT TIME AND ARE STANDING BY THEMSELVES EVER MORE STEADILY DESPITE THE UPS AND DOWNS OF OUR WORLD.

TO HELP THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM TO EXPLOIT ITS EXISTING RESOURCES, SOME FOREIGN FIRMS HAVE INVESTED IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM. BUT WITH AN EYE ON EXPANDED DEVELOPMENT, THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM HOPES THAT MORE WORLD BUSINESS CIRCLES AND FIRMS WILL DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS VERY PROMISING ENTERPRISE SO AS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROSPERITY OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIET NAM IN PARTICULAR AND TO THAT OF ALL OF SOUTHEAST ASIA IN GENERAL.

I BELIEVE THAT THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA CAN PROGRESS TOWARD EVEN CLOSER COOPERATION. TWO YEARS AGO, ON OCTOBER 2, 1972, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THAT AS IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE BIG POWERS TO SEEK SOLUTIONS TO RESTORE PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, THE NATIONS IN THIS AREA ALSO NEED TO FIND TOGETHER A WAY TO REACH A COMMON STAND AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO AGREE ON A COMMON PLAN TO ESTABLISH AND PRESERVE PEACE AND STABILITY FOR THIS AREA.

UNDER THIS COMMON STAND, AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, THE COUNTRIES IN THIS AREA NEED TO AGREE BETWEEN THEMSELVES TO OPPOSE ALL FOREIGN INTERFERENCE, TO NEVER INVADE ANY COUNTRY, TO NEVER ALLOW ANY COUNTRY TO USE ONE'S LAND TO INVADE ANOTHER, TO ENGAGE IN FRIENDLY COOPERATION ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUAL SOVEREIGNTY.

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TODAY, EVEN THOUGH THEIR REGIMES DIFFER, THE ASIAN COUNTRIES ALL SHARE THE COMMON BASIC CONCEPTION OF OPPOSITION TO FOREIGN INTERFERENCE, PROMOTION OF THE PEOPLE'S SELF DETERMINATION, PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND SOLUTION OF ALL CONFLICT BY PEACEFUL MEANS.

HOWEVER, TO HOPE FOR PEACE IS ONE MATTER, TO BRING ABOUT PEACE IS ANOTHER MATTER. I THINK THAT IN TODAY'S WORLD, THE ASIAN NATIONS CAN FULFILL THEIR ASPIRATION FOR PEACEFUL EXISTENCE FREE FROM OUTSIDE POWER'S INTERFERENCE ONLY IF THEY CAN FORGE SOLIDARITY AND CLOSE COOPERATION. ON THE CONTRARY, IF EACH ASIAN NATION BY ITSELF FINDS ITS OWN STAND AND WORKS OUT SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS, THEN THE ASIAN NATIONS CANNOT POSSIBLY AVOID THE DAMAGING INTERFERENCE OF ANY OF THE SUPER POWERS. IT IS FOR THESE REASONS THAT THE REPUBLIC OF

VIET NAM ALWAYS ADVOCATES THAT THERE SHOULD BE THE CONSULTATION
AND COOPERATION BETWEEN SOUTH EAST ASIAN NATIONS TO ELABORATE
A COMMON STAND.

IN THE PRESENT CONJUNCTURE, I DEEM IT NECESSARY TO RECALL
THE VIEWS THAT I EXPRESSED ON OCTOBER 2, 1972 AND REPEATED ON
JULY 20, 1974, THAT IS IT IS TIME NOW TO CALL FOR A CONFERENCE
OF ALL THE TEN SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES INCLUDING NORTH VIET
NAM -- AND NVN MUST ATTEND IF IT REALLY WANTS PEACE AS IT
CLAIMS -- IN ORDER TO SEEK TOGETHER A PROPER WAY TO ESTABLISH
A LASTING PEACE FOR THIS AREA, TO LAY THE FOUNDATIONS FOR
CONSTRUCTIVE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS AMONG THE COUNTRIES
IN THIS AREA, AND TOGETHER ESTABLISH THE BASIS FOR RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES IN THIS AREA AND THE BIG POWERS, BASED ON
THE ABOVE MENTIONED PRINCIPLES. THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM IS
READY TO ATTEND SUCH A CONFERENCE, BECAUSE SUCH A CONFERENCE
WILL CREATE THE SOLID FOUNDATION TO ACHIEVE A GUARANTEED PEACE,
A SINCERE AND CLOSE COOPERATION, AND A LASTING PROSPERITY FOR THE
PEOPLE IN ASIA. THIS INDEED IS ALSO THE MEANING OF THIS
CONFERENCE'S THEME.

I WISH THE CONFERENCE EVERY SUCCESS.

I EXTEND MY CORDIAL GREETINGS TO ALL OF YOU.

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